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1. Compare the viewpoint of authors on the same topic.

In this essay I am going to be arguing in support of killing cane toads. I have read many newspaper reports which have convinced me that these animals are venomous villains. I will also be considering those arguments in defence of these menacing monsters, however my main point is against these creatures.

From my research into internet reports on cane toads, it has become clear that cane toads are deadly devils that are demolishing native species of Australia. For them to be put to an end they must be killed. Even though this may sound harsh and all living things should be treated the same, it could be said that by killing one species, you would end up saving a lot more.

Cane toads are, "...big ugly creatures..." (Mercer 2006) which are covered with warts, poisonous glands and skin. They were brought into Australia in 1935 to eat the population of cane beetles and protect sugar cane plantations. Unfortunately, this plan didn't go as expected because the cane toads multiplied rapidly.

Why should they be culled? "The impact on the environment has been disastrous. We go to great lengths to protect the environment from human impact and then the toads come through and ~~take~~ knock out thousands of varieties of native wildlife," said Robert Capon, a professor at the University of Queensland. (Jonathan Pearlman 2012). Furthermore Queensland politician Shane Kruth announced that, "They're one of the most destructive creatures and the most disgusting creatures and one thing they're doing is they're killing our native wildlife and they're taking over our habitat." (BBC News 2012). Additionally

They are hard to get rid of. (BBC News 2012) "There are no predators that can kill them."

Despite this people have different opinions about cane toads for example Sara Phillips says, "We accept that cane toads are a Menace and they need to be eradicated. However, hitting ~~them~~ them with golf clubs is inhumane and ineffective." (Phillips 2011).

The RSPCA, although admitting that they are a problem recommends that you put them "...in a freezer and the job is done humanely." (Phil Mercer, 2006)

It is obvious from finding information in support of cane toads that they are not very liked very much. This led to me concluding that cane toads are devils and however hard it would be to kill an animal, in this case it would be necessary.

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